Applications for patents filed through PCT in the years 2001-02 to 2005-06

PCT Applicants	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indians*	295	525	764	723	678
Foreigners Resident abroad	6351	7049	7717	10671	15467

Data refers to calendar year.

SOURCE: Annual Reports of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks. world Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), Geneva www.wipo. int

NOTE: Foreigners Resident Abroad include broadly the residents of Common Wealth Countries, American, European, African and Asian countries.

Indian Applicants include patents filed by Indians through PCT designating foreign countries

Foreigners Resident Abroad includes patents filed PCT designating India.

Requests for recognition as backward classes

106. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) examines all the requests received for inclusion of any class of citizen as backward classes in the Central list of OBCs;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of requests received and cleared during the last one year from Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of requests from Andhra Pradesh pending with the Commission; and

(d) by when the pending requests are likely to be examined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of requests received during the last one year from Andhra Pradesh are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(d) Receipt of requests for inclusion in the Central List of OBCs, the process of examination by National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) and tendering of advice by the NCBC to the Government are a continuous process and as such no time frame can be fixed.

Statement

The details/status of requests received by NCBC from Andhra Pradesh and pending with the Commission as on 22.02.2007

Sl.No	Caste/Community	Date Registered
	Registered during 2005-06	
1	Darvesh (faqeer)	09-06-05
2	Kurmi	04-08-05
3	Chakali, Vannar	06-01-06
4	Devaravandlu Yellammavandlu, Mutyalammavandlu	06-01-06
5	Veerabhadreeya	06-01-06
6	Kalinga	06-01-06
7	Goud	06-01-06
8	Bare, Barai, Marar & Tamboli	06-01-06
	Registered during 2006-07	
9	Bhunjwa, Bharbhuja	25-04-06
10	Gudia	31-07-07

Implementation of welfare schemes

107. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, waking up to the tardy progress of various welfare schemes, the Ministry has initiated fortnightly meetings to ensure expeditious implementation of all programmes meant for scheduled castes, tribes and other backward classes to assess the progress of different schemes and roadblocks faced in their implementation;

(b) if so, whether the decision followed the realization that many schemes were lagging behind the targets as these schemes are sponsored by the Centre and implemented by State Governments; and

(c) if so, to what extent these frequent meetings have been able to